

# The Latinx Literacy in Libraries and Archives Project

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## ABSTRACT

The Latinx Literacy in Libraries and Archives project is an exploratory study that seeks to understand how the information practices of Latinx<sup>1</sup> communities can inform the advocacy work conducted by archivists and librarians in Boston, Massachusetts. In particular, we are interested in understanding how Latinx migrant populations navigate the built environment to access information about their host city and how this insight can be used to create more inclusive library and archives spaces, affect local policy, and build stronger communities. This poster reports on the design of the study and discusses some of our initial findings. The project uses interviews, mental maps, and secondary sources, which are analyzed through qualitative coding. Scholarly discussions in the fields of archival studies and library and information science are increasingly focusing on social justice praxis, this project contributes by addressing the relationship between equity of access to information and geographic literacy.

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<sup>1</sup> Latinx is a gender neutral or non-binary term used to replace the traditional female “a” and male “o” in Spanish. This work uses Latinx over the official US Census term “Hispanic.”